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SUBJECT: AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE PATOLICHEV

SUMMARY:

DURING DECEMBER 23 COURTESY CALL BY AMBASSADOR, MINISTER PATOLICHEV FAVORABLY CONTRASTED HIS NOVEMBER VISIT TO THE UNITED STATES TO THE ONE IN JUNE, NOTING TOTAL ABSENCE OF DISCUSSION OF HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUE ON MOST RECENT OCCASION. AMBASSADOR POINTED OUT THAT THERE HAS NEVERTHELESS BEEN NO CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY ON THIS SCORE. PATOLICHEV RECOUNTED HIS EXCHANGE WITH SENATOR RIBICOFF IN JUNE AND ASSERTED THAT TO MANY THE TERM HUMAN RIGHTS JUST MEANS THE JEWISH QUESTION. THE AMBASSADOR EMPHASIZED THE IMPORTANCE OF TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE VIEWS OF CONGRESS ON HUMAN RIGHTS AND EMIGRATION ISSUE. PATOLICHEV STATED THAT HE HAD REPORTED TO "HIGHEST LEVELS" IN THE USSR HIS SATISFACTION WITH HIS CONVERSATION LAST MONTH WITH THE PRESIDENT. HE APPEARED TO BE IN REASONABLY GOOD PHYSICAL CONDITION FOR AN
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INDIVIDUAL WHOSE HEALTH HAS OFTEN APPEARED TO BE IN SERIOUS QUESTION. SPEAKING WITH WHAT HE DESCRIBES AS HIS CUSTOMARY OPENNESS - HE SAID HE WAS "EXPELLED" FROM SOVIET DIPLOMATIC SERVICE FOR THIS TALENT - HE DEMONSTRATED THAT HIS MENTAL ACUITY IS AS KEEN AS EVER. PATOLICHEV RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY TO AMBASSADOR'S SUGGESTION THAT THEY RESUME DIALOGUE WHEN THE LATTER RETURNS FROM WASHINGTON IN 1978. END SUMMARY.

1. AMBASSADOR PAID COURTESY CALL DECEMBER 23 ON MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE PATOLICHEV. ALSO IN ATTENDANCE ON SOVIET SIDE DURING THE 45 MINUTE SESSION WERE DEPTY MINISTER SUSHKOV AND CHIEF OF THE AMERICAN COUNTRIES SECTION ZINOV'YEV.

2. NOTING THAT THEY HAVE ALREADY MET, AMBASSADOR STATED THAT HE THOUGHT IT NONETHELESS USEFUL TO PAY A FORMAL COURTESY CALL ON THE MINISTER. HE COULD ASK THE MINISTER'S ADVICE ON HOW TO MANAGE THE EMBASSY, THE AMBASSADOR SAID. SINCE FOREIGN MINISTER GROMYKO GIVES HIM SUCH ADVICE, WHY SHOULD NOT MINISTER PATOLICHEV?

3. RESPONDING, PATOLICHEV SAID THAT HE WAS NOT A DIPLOMAT. APPARENTLY WITH REFERENCE TO THE TITLE HE ONE HELD OF DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER (WHEN THERE WAS NO MINISTRY OF FOREIGN TRADE), PATOLICHEV SAID HE HAD BEEN EXPELLED FROM THE SOVIET DIPLOMATIC SERVICE BECAUSE OF ABSENCE OF DIPLOMATIC ABILITIES. PEOPLE SAY THAT HE SPEAKS OPENLY. IN FACT, HE LIKES TO DO SO. EVEN PRESIDENT CARTER COULD CONFIRM THAT THEY HAD AN OPEN DISCUSSION IN WASHINGTON. ON THAT OCCASION HE ALSO SPOKE IN A COMPLETELY OPEN WAY WITH THE PRESIDENT. LATER ON SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL HAD ASKED HIM TWO QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT: (1) HOW DID THE MEETING GO AND (2) WHAT IMPRESSION DID HE CONFIDENTIAL

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HAVE OF PRESIDENT CARTER. TO EACH QUESTION HE HAD REPLIED: "BETTER THAN I EXPECTED." HE HAD REPEATED THESE ANSWERS. WITH SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL'S PERMISSION, AT THE SESSION IN LOS ANGELES OF THE DIRECTORS AND MEMBERS OF THE US-USSR TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL. "AND YOU ASK IF I AM A DIPLOMAT," PATOLICHEV SAID.

4. CONTINUING, PATOLICHEV MADE REFERENCE TO ONE "PECULIARITY," A DISTINCTION BETWEEN HIS VISITS TO THE UNITED STATES IN JUNE AND NOVEMBER. IN JUNE, BEGINNING WITH THE JOINT COMMERCIAL COMMISSION SESSION WHERE SECRETARIES BLUMENTHAL AND KREPS HAD SPOKEN, HE HAD HEARD HUMAN RIGHTS, HUMAN RIGHTS, HUMAN RIGHTS. THIS HAD CONTINUED AT THE EXECUTIVE SESSION OF THE TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL, AT THE CONCLUDING DINNER OF WHICH HE TOLD HIS LISTENERS THAT HE HAD A DIFFERENT OUTLINE - HE HAD INTENDED TO TALK ABOUT TRADE - BUT HE DID NOT WANT TO PASS OVER HUMAN RIGHTS. WHEN HE CAME IN NOVEMBER, PATOLICHEV EXPLAINED, THE REACTION OF THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY HAD BEEN VERY DIFFERENT FROM THAT IN JUNE. WHEN HE GAVE THE 500 OR SO GUESTS THE FIRST ANSWER (I.E., HOW DID THE MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT GO?), ALL HAD APPLAUNDED. WHEN HE

GAVE THE SECOND ANSWER (I.E., HIS IMPRESSION OF THE PRESIDENT), ALL HAD GIVEN HIM A STANDING OVATION. THE AMBASSADOR IMQUIRED: "WHAT DID YOU EXPECT?" PATOLICHEV RESPONDED THAT IT HAD NOT BEEN THAT WAY IN JUNE. THEN EVERYTHING HAD CENTERED AROUND HUMAN RIGHTS. IN NOVEMBER, NO ONE, STARTING WITH SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL, SAID A WORD ABOUT THE SUBJECT. THE BUSINESSMEN, SIMILARLY, WERE SILENT ON THE POINT. THE SAME WAS TRUE OF PRESIDENT CARTER, PATOLICHEV SAID. IF THE PRESIDENT HAD STARTED TO SPEAK ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS, PERHAPS HE (PATOLICHEV) WOULD HAVE GIVEN A DIFFERENT ANSWER (I.E., TO BLUMENTHAL'S QUESTIONS). IN SUCH CASE, HAVING IN MIND ALL THAT HAD HAPPENED, HE WOULD HAVE MADE CERTAIN RESERVATIONS.

5. THE AMBASSADOR COMMENTED THAT HE WAS GLAD THAT
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PATOLICHEV HAD A GOOD MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT AND GOT A GOOD IMPRESSION OF HIM. HE HOPED, HOWEVER, THAT THE MINISTER WOULD NOT BE LED BY THE FACT THAT THE SUBJECT WAS NOT DISCUSSED TO BELIEVE THAT OUR POSITION ON HUMAN RIGHTS HAS CHANGED. PATOLICHEV RESPONDED: "THAT'S YOUR AFFAIR." THE AMBASSADOR COMMENTED: "OF COURSE." HE SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR PATOLICHEV'S REPORT OF HIS MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT.

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6. PATOLICHEV SAID HIS MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT HAD BEEN A "VERY BUSINESSLIKE CONVERSATION, CALM." IT HAD NOT GONE DEEPLY INTO THE BASICS OF OUR RELATIONS - THAT HAD NOT BEEN THE INTENTION - BUT TO THIS OR THAT EXTENT IT HAD TOUCHED ON "ACUTE QUESTIONS OF TODAY'S WORLD," THOUGH NOT TO PONDER ABOUT THEM. PATOLICHEV SAID HE LIKED TO STRESS THAT MATTERS OF FOREIGN TRADE AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION BE IN THE FOREFRONT, SINCE THEY WERE THE MOST FULLY UNDERSTOOD MATTERS AND ARE CLOSE TO EVERYONE. HE DID NOT THINK THEY SHOULD BE DISCUSSED ONLY AFTER MATTERS LIKE STRATEGIC WEAPONS, THE MIDDLE EAST OR DISARMAMENT IN GENERAL, BECAUSE IN THOSE AREAS "WE HAVE A LONG WAY TO GO." PATOLICHEV SAID HE ALWAYS THOUGHT AND CONTINUES TO THINK THAT EVERY NATION SHOULD PUT TRADE AND ECONOMIC RELATIONS IN THE FOREFRONT. WHEN HE HAD SPOKEN TO BUSINESSMEN, HE TALKED ABOUT THE MEANING OF MFN BECAUSE THE AVERAGE AMERICAN MIGHT THINK THE SOVIET COMMUNISTS ARE TRYING TO GET WHO KNOWS WHAT. SUSHKOV INTERJECTED: "ESPECIALLY 'FAVORABLE'". PATOLICHEV ADDED: "AND COMPARED TO WHAT?" (I.E. MORE FAVORABLE THAN WHAT?). SO HE HAD PUT HIMSELF CONFIDENTIAL

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IN THE PLACE OF THE AVERAGE AMERICAN WHO WOULD BE ASKING HIMSELF HOW THOSE RUSSIANS MANAGED TO LIVE WITHOUT MFN FROM THE U.S., HOW THEY HAD TAKEN AN ATOMIC ICEBREAKER TO THE NORTH POLE, DELIVERED A CART TO THE SURFACE OF THE MOON AND DRIVEN IT FROM MOSCOW. HOW COULD AN AVERAGE AMERICAN COMPREHEND THIS?

7. CONTINUING, PATOLICHEV SAID HE HAD THEN SPOKEN AS A SOVIET MAN. SO MFN HAS BEEN TIED TO HUMAN RIGHTS* IN HIS COUNTRY THERE WERE OVER 120 NATIONS AND NATIONALITIES. I ASKED THE BUSINESSMEN, SAID PATOLICHEV, WHAT THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE. AS A RUSSIAN, HE THOUGHT THEY SHOULD SEE THAT EVERY SOVIET NATION AND NATIONALITY HAD ITS TERRITORY, NATURAL RESOURCES, TRADITIONS, LANGUAGES, FORM OF MANAGEMENT, ETC. WHAT COULD THE SOVIETS SHOW? THEY COULD SHOW IT ALL. IF ANYONE LEADS THE FIGHT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS, HE ASSERTED, IT SHOULD BE WE OF THE USSR. "AND WE ARE REALLY DOING IT*"

8. THE AMBASSADOR REMARKED THAT THERE WAS A DIFFERENCE OF OPINION ON THIS, BUT HE WAS GLAD TO HEAR PATOLICHEV'S VIEW. "YOU CAN LISTEN TO THE TAPES," PATOLICHEV SAID. "I AM SURE THAT ALL WAS TAPED." STATING THAT HE WOULD TELL THE STORY TO THE END, PATOLICHEV RECOUNTED THAT HE WAS AT THE ROSTUM (IN LOS ANGELES) WITH NO WRITTEN PAPERS,

JUST THINKING ALOUD. SOMETIMES MFN GOT TIED TO THE QUESTION OF MILITARY POTENTIAL, SO HE HAD PUT THE MATTER IN THE FOLLOWING WAY: THE LIMIT UP TO WHICH POINT THIS SUBJECT MIGHT BE RAISED HAD LONG BEEN PASSED. HE REPEATED TWICE THAT THE TIME HAD LONG PASSED WHEN WE COULD INFLUENCE THE MILITARY POTENTIAL OF EACH OTHER. NOW AMERICANS, RUSSIANS AND ALL THE REST SHOULD BE CONCERNED THAT SOMEONE OF ILL WILL COULD PUT THESE WEAPONS TO USE.
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THEY SHOULD WORK TO PREVENT THIS FROM OCCURRING. TALKING ABOUT WHO IS FIRST, SECOND OR WHO WOULD TAKE SOMEONE OVER IS JUST INTENDED TO GET PEOPLE NERVOUS. ONLY THE UNITED STATES AND THE SOVIET UNION COULD PREVENT A CATASTROPHE, PATOLICHEV CONCLUDED.

9. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT ON THIS LAST POINT WE ARE AGREED. HOWEVER, PATOLICHEV HAD BEEN ADDRESSING HIMSELF TO THE WRONG AUDIENCE. THE TWO POINTS HE HAD MADE SHOULD HAVE BEEN ADDRESSED TO THOSE PEOPLE WHO NEED CONVINCING - THOSE IN CONGRESS. THE AMBASSADOR RECALLED THAT IT WAS CONGRESS WHICH IMPOSED THE LEGISLATION IN QUESTION AND THAT IT WAS ONLY CONGRESS WHICH COULD AMEND IT. HE HOPED WHEN HE RETURNED TO WASHINGTON TO TALK TO CONGRESSMEN WHO MUST BE PERSUADED OF THE RIGHTNESS OF THE SOVIET POSITION SO AS TO MAKE A CHANGE IN THE U.S. POSITION POSSIBLE. THE AMBASSADOR ADDED THAT HE HAD BEEN PRESENT IN SEPTEMBER WHEN THE PRESIDENT MET WITH GROMYKO. AT THAT TIME THE PRESIDENT HAD INDICATED THAT HE HOPED TO DISCUSS WITH PATOLICHEV WAYS AND MEANS WHEREBY WE COULD COOPERATE SO AS TO GET THE LAW CHANGED. THE AMBASSADOR INQUIRED IF THE PRESIDENT HAD DISCUSSED THAT WITH PATOLICHEV.

10. PATOLICHEV REPLIED: "WE TOUCHED ON SOME OF THOSE MATTERS." REVERTING TO LOS ANGELES, HE ADDED, "YOU SEE HOW IT IS - I WAS TALKING TO THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY - IT IS MY KIND OF AUDIENCE BECAUSE I AM MINISTER OF FOREIGN TRADE. IT IS ONLY TO THIS EXTENT THAT I CAN INFLUENCE, AS YOU SAY." AS FOR INFLUENCING CONGRESSMEN, PATOLICHEV SAID, HE WAS TOO FAR AWAY BUT WAS READY TO DEFEND HIS VIEWS SO THAT ALL OBSTACLES COULD BE REMOVED, AND HE HOPED FOR SUCCESS.

11. THE AMBASSADOR SAID THAT HE WAS TRYING TO EMPHASIZE THAT THE OPINION OF AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN IS A FACTOR WITH WHICH PATOLICHEV MUST RECKON. THE AMBASSADOR ADDED THAT HE USUALLY SEES SEVERAL WHEN HE RETURNS. HE COULD TALK PATOLICHEV
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THAT MOST OF THEM FEEL STRONGLY ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS AND, FRANKLY SPEAKING, JEWISH EMIGRATION. THUS, IN ORDER TO BRING ABOUT MUTUALLY DESIRED CHANGES, WE MUST BOTH TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE ATTITUDES OF CONGRESS."IT IS YOUR BUSINESS AS WELL AS OURS," THE AMBASSADOR STATED.

12. "SO YOU OFFER FRANKNESS, MR. AMBASSADOR," PATOLICHEV REPLIED, ADDING THAT HE MEANT A GENERALIZED AND NOT A PERSONAL "YOU." "DON'T FORGET FOR A MINUTE THAT IT IS YOUR CONGRESS, AND ONLY YOURS," HE ADDED. FRANKNESS BEGETTING FRANKNESS, HE CONTINUED, IT WAS HIS PERSONAL OPINION THAT THE JEWISH BUSINESS HAD BEEN A SORT OF "BIG GAME" (KRUPNAYA IGRA). IT WAS TIME FOR THE JEWS - "AND YOU HAVE QUITE A FEW OF THEM" - TO REALIZE THAT THE GAME MAY END AND THAT THEY ARE JUST A "COIN OF EXCHANGE."

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13. PATOLICHEV THEN RECOUNTED HIS EXPERIENCE WITH SENATOR RIBICOFF IN WASHINGTON AT THE JUNE, 1977 SESSION OF THE TRADE AND ECONOMIC COUNCIL. EVIDENTLY THERE WERE SOME REPORTS OF HIS REPLY TO RIBICOFF ON THAT OCCASION, PATOLICHEV SAID. RIBICOFF HAD WANTED TO SPEAK AND LEAVE. HE HAD THOUGHT THIS UNFAIR, STOOD UP IN THE PRESENCE OF THE BUSINESSMEN AND ASKED THAT THE SENATOR STAY TO LISTEN TO HIS OWN PRESENTATION. PATOLICHEV SAID THAT HE HAD NOT MADE ANY

SPECIAL PREPARATION, JUST NOTES ON A NAPKIN. (HE ADDED THAT HE OUGHT TO MAKE A PHOTOGRAPH OF SUCH NAPKINS FOR THIS MEMOIRS.) SECRETARY BLUMENTHAL HAD BEEN PRESENT. SENATOR LONG WAS SITTING BESIDES HIM. HE HAD SAID - AND RIBICOFF HAD CONFIRMED IT - THAT THE EXPRESSION OF "HUMAN RIGHTS" HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH HUMANS OF ALL RACES, PATOLICHEV SAID. RIBICOFF HAD ADMITTED THAT ONLY NEWS ARE OF INTEREST TO HIM. THE AMBASSADOR INQUIRED IF RIBICOFF HAD REALLY SAID THAT. PATILICHEV, SUSHKOV AND ZINOV'YEV REPLIED, AS ONE. THAT HE HAD. PATOLICHEV CONTINUED: "SO I ASKED RIBICOFF IF THIS HUMAN RIGHTS IS A COVER FOR THE JEWISH QUESTION. 'YES OR NO?' AND EVERYONE HEARD. I THEN SAID:
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'LET US DISCUSS THE JEWISH QUESTION.' HE SAID 'YES'. HE HAD THEN ASKED TWICE IF RIBICOFF HAD NOT WHEN IN AUSTRIA VISITED THAT CAMP WHERE WHOSE WHO LEFT THE USSR FOR ISRAEL ARE LIVING IN MISERY. EACH TIME RIBICOFF WAS SILENT. "I SAID, 'THEY ARE OF NO INTEREST TO YOU. YOU ARE READY TO SHOUT, THE WHOLE CONGRESS IS READY TO SHOUT FOR ONE PERSON IN MOSCOW'." PATOLICHEV ADDED THAT HE DID NOT EVEN KNOW WHAT THIS ONE INDIVIDUAL IN MOSCOW WAS ABOUT. HE TOLD RIBICOFF THAT THE LATTER HAD NO INTEREST IN THOSE MANY LIVING IN MISERY IN AUSTRIA. "ONLY CERTAIN PERSONS ARE OF INTEREST," PATOLICHEV SAID. NO PHRASE OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND JEWISH NATIONALITY - FOR SOME PEOPLE THAT MEANS NOTHING. HE HAD TOLD RIBICOFF IN CONCLUSION THAT THE SOVIETS WERE TIRED OF HEARING THIS FROM HIM. WHEN SOMEONE IS PUT ON TRIAL IN YOUR STATES, HE HAD SAID, NO ONE FROM WASHINGTON CAN DO ANYTHING..APPARENTLY PATOLICHEV HAD REFERENCE TO LIMITATIONS ON THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IN STATE TRIAL PROCEEDINGS).

14. THE AMBASSADOR COMMENTED THAT HE KNEW SENATOR RIBICOFF QUITE WELL AND WAS SURPRISED TO HEAR THE LINE WHICH PATOLICHEV SAID HE HAD TAKEN. THE AMBASSADOR ADDED THAT NOW THAT HE KNEW THE MINISTER BETTER, HE REALIZED THAT HE WOULD BE A WORTHY RIVAL TO THE SENATOR IN ANY DEBATE. HOWEVER, THE PROBLEM WAS THAT THERE WERE MANY WITH VIEWS LIKE THOSE PATOLICHEV HAD ATTRIBUTED TO RIBICOFF, AND THOSE WERE THE PEOPLE WITH THE POWER TO CHANGE THE LAW. IT WAS NECESSARY TO TAKE THEIR VIEWS INTO ACCOUNT.

15. THE AMBASSADOR THEN MENTIONED THE JANUARY 12-17 VISIT OF SENATOR STEVENSON AND REQUESTED THAT PATOLICHEV ASK SOME OF HIS AIDES TO MEET WITH THE SENATOR. WE WOULD BE IN TOUCH WITH THE MINISTRY ABOUT DATES AND TIMES. PATOLICHEV RESPONDED AFFIRMATIVELY, INDICATING PRIOR AWARENESS OF THE
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STEVENSON VISIT.

16. AFTER AMBASSADOR TOON DESCRIBED SENATOR STEVENSON AS A "GOOD MAN," PATOLICHEV SAID THERE WERE "MANY GOOD PEOPLE" IN THE U.S. THE AMBASSADOR AGREED AND NOTED THAT ONE COULD ARGUE WITH THE OTHERS. "TRUTH STILL WILL BE ON MY SIDE," PATOLICHEV REMARKED, ADDING: "WE NEED TO INVENT NOTHING ABOUT AMERICA." THE AMBASSADOR THEN SUGGESTED THAT THE MINISTER HAVE A WORD WITH THE EDITORS OF PRAVDA AND IZVESTIYA. JUST AS THE MINISTER, HE FINDS MANY PRESS INACCURACIES; UNFORTUNATELY, HE READS RUSSIAN AND HAS TO READ THEM EVERY DAY. WE CAN BOTH BE MORE OBJECTIVE ABOUT EACH OTHER IN OUR PRESS, THE AMBASSADOR COMMENTED. WE WILL TRY AND HOPE THE SOVIETS WILL DO THE SAME.

17. PATOLICHEV THEN CLAIMED TO HAVE BEEN MISQUOTED IN THE AMERICAN PRESS, WHICH REPORTED HE HAD SAID: "WHY DO WE NEED TO TRADE WITH YOU?" PATOLICHEV SAID THAT HE HAD NOT SAID THAT, COULD NOT SAY IT. "WE ARE INTERESTED IN TRADE WITH THE U.S.," HE SAID, BUT ADDED: "IF ANYONE THINKS WE CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT IT, HE IS MISTAKEN." BUT IT FOLLOWED FROM LENIN THAT THE USSR WAS INTERESTED IN TRADE. THE AMBASSADOR CONCURRED ON BOTH OUR ABILITY TO LIVE WITHOUT MUTUAL TRADE AND THE BENEFITS WE BOTH CAN DERIVE FROM SUCH COMMERCE. THE AMBASSADOR MADE REFERENCE TO THE IMPROVEMENT IN OUR BILATERAL RELATIONS IN THE COURSE OF THE CURRENT YEAR. PATOLICHEV RESPONDED: "WITHOUT DOUBT."

17. PATOLICHEV REQUESTED THAT THE AMBASSADOR INFORM WASHINGTON THAT HE HAD BEEN "VERY SATISFIED" WITH HIS LAST VISIT. HE ASKED THAT THE AMBASSADOR CONVEY TO THE PRESIDENT HIS APPRECIATION FOR THEIR CONVERSATION WHICH HAD BEEN "VERY GOOD." THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE WOULD DO SO. PATOLICHEV THEN SAID HE HAD REPORTED THIS (HIS SATISFACTION) TO THE "HIGHEST LEVELS" IN THE USSR. HE SAID HE HAD REPORTED IN A POSITIVE WAY HOW THE PRESIDENT BEHAVES, THE INFORMAL WAY
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HE ENGAGES IN CONVERSATION.

18. THE AMBASSADOR EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE PRESIDENT AND BREZHNEV MIGHT SOON MEET. PATOLICHEV SAID HE SHARED THIS HOPE. ANYHOW, HE HAD PRESENTED IN THE MOST POSITIVE WAY WHAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD TOLD HIM.

19. AT THE CONCLUSION THE AMBASSADOR SAID HE WOULD LIKE TO SEE PATOLICHEV AGAIN AFTER HE RETURNS FROM THE U.S., WHEN HE

COULD CONVEY THE VIEWS OF CONGRESS. PATOLICHEV AGREED THAT SUCH A MEETING SHOULD BE ARRANGED.

20. COMMENT: PATOLICHEV DID NOT DISPLAY PHYSICAL ILLNESS OR ANY OF THE MENTAL ABERRATIONS SOMETIMES ATTRIBUTED TO HIM. SPEAKING QUIETLY AND WITHOUT NOTES, HE ESCHEWED THE THEATRICAL GUESTURES WHICH HE SAVES FOR LARGE AUDIENCES. HE CONFIRMED HIS REPUTATION AS A FORMIDABLE DEBATER, WHO STILL SEEMS DETERMINED TO DEMONSTRATE THAT THE USSR WILL WIN A CHANGE IN U.S. TRADE POLICY ESSENTIALLY ON ITS OWN TERMS AND WILL OTHERWISE BE PREPARED TO CONTINUE TO LIVE WITHOUT IT. PATOLICHEV DID NOT DISCUSS BILATERAL TRADE AND THERE WAS NO OPPORTUNITY TO ASK HIM ABOUT THE PASSAGE IN THE SPEECH TO THE SUPREME SOVIET BY GOSPLAN CHAIRMAN BAYBAKOV IN WHICH IT IS STATED THAT SOVIET TRADE WITH DEVELOPED WESTERN COUNTRIES, INCLUDING THE UNITED STATES, WILL INCREASE IN 1978. THE MEETING HELPED TO STRENGTHEN OUR COMMUNICATIONS WITH PATOLICHEV, AND THE AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON HIM IN THE SPRING WILL ENABLE US TO MAINTAIN THE DIALOGUE ON TRADE AND THE IMPEDIMENTS TO ITS FURTHER DEVELOPMENT.

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